

**Regular Council Meeting
October 9, 2012**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting of October 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Ray Jackson, Earl King, Charlie Simmons and Harold Taunton. Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon was absent. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, Fire Chief Al Ford, Water Operator Ben Lewis, Wastewater Operator Robert Fawcett and City Clerk Robin Haynes. Charley Cotton, Cliff Knauer and Anna Hudson were present representing Preble-Rish.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of past minutes

No minutes were presented.

1. Planning Issues

No planning items were presented.

2. Legal Matters

No legal items were presented.

3. Fire Department Report

A. Walton County funding interlocal agreement 2012-13

Councilman Taunton motioned to approve the annual funding interlocal agreement with the City and Walton County as presented, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

Chief Ford gave a brief update on fire fighter calls, training hours and fire prevention events.

4. Parks Department Report

No report was given.

5. Engineering report

A. Well house 4 construction bids

Four bid proposals were received for the well house 4 construction:

- Wisco Pen Electric, LLC \$ 75,800.00
- Gum Creek Farms, Inc. \$ 91,777.00
- Griner Drilling Service \$149,700.00
- North Florida Construction \$ 69,530.00

Councilman Simmons motioned to approve awarding the project to the low bidder, North Florida Construction, for \$69,530.00, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

B. Water/sewer modeling proposal

Councilman King motioned to approve the water and sewer modeling proposal for \$46,000.00, as presented, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

IV. Old Business

No items were presented.

V. New Business

1. WCEDA funding agreement 2012-13

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the interlocal funding agreement between the City and the Walton County Economic Development Alliance for \$3,574.00, as presented, Councilman Taunton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

Scarlett Phaneuf gave a short update of the Southern Wine and Spirits construction, and the infrastructure upgrade of phase II in the Industrial Park.

2. Insurance claim – Brown sewer backup

Mayor Marse informed council that there had been a sewer backup in a residence on Business 331 during the heavy rains a month ago. The City's insurance company has determined that it was not the fault of the City, but Mayor Marse felt that the repairs needed to be covered. After short discussion, the council requested Mayor Marse gather repair estimates and bring back to the next meeting.

3. Pay all bills in order

Councilman Taunton motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

No additional business was presented.

VII. Public Comment

Cliff Knauer requested direction from the council on a funding request to Northwest Florida Water Management District for a future water extension project. After short discussion, Councilman King motioned to approve authorization to NFWFMD for funding for the design, permitting and surveying of a water line extension connecting the water line from the end at J.W. Hollington Road, along Highway 20 East, through Bruce and joining at County Highway 3280, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no additional public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

Scarlett Phaneuf introduced the Mayor and Council to Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg, the new President of the Walton County Chamber of Commerce.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President